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IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE PROPOSEDCOMMITTEE WOULD EXAMINE THE ROLE OF DOE IN ENCOURAGING COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IN SOLAR ENERGY R&D WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDIA. DOE SHOULD HAVE DOLLAR FUNDS AT ITS DISPOSAL TO ENCOURAGE COPERATIVE PROJECTS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. INDIAN INSTITUTIONS ARE CAPABLE OF SOPHISTICATED R&D IN SOLAR ENERGY. IN FACT, SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES AND GOI LABORATORIES HAVE DEVELOPED SOPHISTICATED R&D FACILITIES IN SEVERAL ASPECTS OF SOLAR ENERGY. COOPERATIVE PROJECTS AT THESE INSTITUTIONS COULD BE OF COST BENEFIT TO THE US. RECOGNIZING THIS POTENTIAL, WEST GERMANY IS ALREADY COLLABORATING IN THIS FIELD WITH SOME OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTIONS. AT LEAST THREE TO FOUR RESEARCH PROJCTS FORMULATED UNDER THE INDO-US S&T SUBCOMMISSION AUSPICES HAVE BEEN HELD UP DUE TO NON-AVAILABILITY OF DOLLAR FUNDING WITH THE DOE. PENDING AID PROGRAM FOR 1978 INCLUDES GRANT WHICH WILL PROVIDE SOME FUNDS FOR DOE COLLABORATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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